

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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PART TWO.



Tomorrow will be "Cardinal's day" in Washington, when Cardinal Gibbons will come to the National Capital for his annual New Year reception, a custom inaugurated by the late Dr. Denis J. Stafford during the early years of his pastorate at St. Patrick's Church.

The day will open with a solemn high mass at 8 a. m. and will be followed by Rev. John M. McNamara, with two priests from Holy Cross College, Catholic University, as deacon and subdeacon.

The cardinal will occupy a throne in the sanctuary, and his assistant priest will be Very Rev. James A. Burns, C. S. C., president of Holy Cross College, Catholic University.

Will be Rev. Dr. Wm. J. Kerby, professor of sociology at the Catholic University, and Rev. John J. Connelley, pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

In the sanctuary will be Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Sheil, vicar general of the Catholic University; Very Rev. George A. Dougherty, vice rector of the Catholic University; Rev. Dr. Pace of the university; Very Rev. Wm. J. Connelley; Thomas E. McGuigan and Rev. Martin Egan.

The sermon will be preached by Very Rev. Peter J. O'Callaghan, C. S. P., the newly appointed rector of the Apostolic Prefecture of the Philippines.

The church, the sanctuary and altar will be elaborately decorated with carnations.

An elaborate musical program will be rendered by the sanctuary and mixed choir, with the assistance of Miss Silby and Miss Jennie Glennan, respectively, with organ and full orchestra, prelude, orchestra and organ, Massenet; Introit, Gregorian, sanctuary choir; Kyrie, Gregorian, sanctuary choir, 3 mixed choir; gradual and alleluia, Falsabardone, sanctuary choir; "Veni Creator Rex Caeli et Terrae," Gregorian, 3 mixed choir; "Credo," Haydn No. 1, mixed choir; offertory, Falsabardone, sanctuary choir; "Gloria," Haydn No. 1, mixed choir; vello, mixed choir and sanctuary choir; "Sanctus," "Benedictus" and "Agnus Dei," Haydn No. 3, mixed choir; communion, figured music, sanctuary choir; "Agnus Dei," Gregorian, mixed choir; recessional, Christmas carols as follows: "Silent Night," "Damosch;" "The Christmas carols are sung the congregation will form in life to the hymns of the Christmas season." Roll Hall by Cardinal Gibbons, after which Mgr. Russell will entertain a number of his friends at luncheon in the rectory.

Cardinal Gibbons at present holds the rank of cardinal elector, one of the American hierarchy in length of episcopate. In 1868 he was consecrated bishop of the diocese of Bardonia, an apostolic of North Carolina; transferred to Richmond in 1872; created cardinal in Baltimore in 1877, and cardinal in 1886.

It has been said that "when history is written of the world of the future it will be found that no one has advanced the Roman Catholic Church in the world more than Cardinal Gibbons."

**PREACHING MISSION  
BEGINS JANUARY 23**

**Rev. H. H. D. Sterrett to Be Missioner at Special Services in All Souls' Episcopal Church on Cathedral Avenue.**

The Phi Mu Sigma National Sunday School Fraternity announces the approval of the petition of the young men in the Brookland, D. C. Methodist Episcopal Church for a chapter of the fraternity. Signers of the petition are J. Medford Allen, Harold C. Clayton, E. Allen, Robert C. Gooch, Earle Turner, H. R. Johnston, Henry A. Leef, Herbert F. Williams, Charles T. Allen, Clay C. Holmes and E. B. Phillips. The chapter will be installed in the near future with a demonstration initiation.

December 18 Alpha-Delta Chapter of the District of Columbia was organized at the Rhode Island Methodist Protestant Church. Following is a list of members coming in as charter members of the chapter: Herbert Maury Jones, Allen Wesleyman Lohr, Luther Ross Hayes, Stanley Brittain Duffies, Louis Colvin Randall, Leone Earle Reichard, Richard Dodge Campbell, Harry Ledden Strang, E. Melbourne Green, William W. Lynch, Raymond Hodge, Louis W. Henry, Martin J. 2d, Louis Randall and A. W. Wimer, teacher of the class.

Rev. Louis Randall, pastor of the church, came in as sustaining member of the chapter.

The basket ball and bowling leagues have resumed their schedule.

At the next meeting of the district all local chapters will be held in the joint fraternity rooms this evening, a banquet will be given and a program will be taken up. The chief matter of discussion will be the joint banquet of the district and the district officers. Plans will be discussed for the biennial convention of the fraternity, which will be held during the coming summer.

During the last month chapters of the fraternity were organized at the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hartford, Conn. and in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in New York City. The Pittsburgh chapter will soon be installed in the Mifflin Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

On December 1 the first anniversary banquet of Mu Chapter was held. There was a large attendance of members and guests. The first toast was given by Waugh M. E. Church, where Mu Chapter is located, and a sustaining member of the chapter.

Mr. Graves, teacher of the class composing the chapter, was also present and presided over the occasion. The presiding master of the fraternity, and Morgan McEachern of Waugh Church, were also present. The toastmaster, R. Simpson, acted as toastmaster.

THE BEATITUDE OF THE  
BRINGER OF GOOD NEWS.  
Isaiah, 52.7.

On the mountain's top appearing  
Lo! the sacred herald stands,  
Who comes to Zion with the  
Zion, long in hostile lands;  
Mourning captive,  
Glad shall he those holy hands  
Peace and for shall now attend thee;  
All thy warfare now is past;  
God the Savior will then thee;  
Victory shall thine last;  
And all thy conflicts  
End in everlasting rest.  
—THOMAS KELLY.

By Robert D. Burbank,  
President of Washington District Epworth League.

"How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him that bringeth good  
tidings, that publisheth peace; that  
bringeth good tidings of good, that  
publisheth salvation; that saith unto  
Zion, 'Thy God reigneth.'"  
This beatitude is Isaiah's beautiful  
expression in oriental imagery of the  
universal feeling of gratitude and  
praiseless love toward the bringer of  
good news, and, as shown by the con-  
text, has a twofold application. First,  
there was the literal application to the

who had been exiled Israelites returning  
from the Babylonian captivity to Jeru-  
salem, and the second, and truer appli-  
cation, that "the time to favor her, yea, the  
set time, has come." The courier from  
Jerusalem entered the city, and he  
that led over the mountain, so that he  
was visible from Jerusalem long before  
his arrival.

There is also another application of  
this verse indicated by the context, the  
prophetic application, who was  
some seven hundred years later  
as a messenger to Jerusalem of re-  
lease from the bondage of sin and of  
salvation and love.

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The Messenger.

The word messenger means, both by  
derivation and definition, a bearer of tid-  
ings; and in Isaiah's day, and, in fact, in  
all time down to the last hundred years  
or so, the messenger was one of the most  
important personages in the community.

It is hard for us to realize, in this day  
of the automobile, the airplane, the  
radio, the telephone, the X-ray, the  
radiograph, wireless, and many facilities  
for rapid travel; and of news services  
through agencies and newspapers, the  
conditions where practically  
the only method of transmitting news was  
by messenger; and in that day  
messenger had to have been couriers  
or runners. An appreciation of such con-  
ditions will, however, realize the  
importance of the messenger  
in Old Testament times.

The messenger, however, was received  
with favor and honor, or with dis-  
favor and punished, not according to  
the speed and efficiency with which he  
performed his duty, but according to  
whether or not the tidings he brought  
were good or ill. In the story of Ab-  
salom's rebellion in the twelfth chapter  
of the eighteenth chapter of II Samuel  
how anxious one messenger was to  
bring the news of the death of Absalom  
and how Joab sent the news of Absalom's  
death to David by the Cushite foot-  
man, who did not care as he did for the  
other runners.

Shakespeare has made familiar the  
story of the messenger who brought the  
news that the persons who brought good news and  
had those executed who brought bad  
news, and this has been the custom of mon-  
archs and tyrants of the old days, and  
unreasonable to the extreme expression of  
the extreme expression of the



Today is presented part two, embracing the rest of the book—sixteen chapters—and recounting the planting and extension of the church among the Gentiles, the center of operations being transferred from Jerusalem to Antioch in a Gentile country. St. Paul, the special apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15; 22:21), being the central figure.

The church does not appear in the Old Testament; it is the kingdom that is prophesied. We now come to the instituting of something utterly new (Eph. 3:2-5; Col. 1:24-27)—the church—an event and an institution in comparison with which all other events and institutions dwindle into small significance.

It is suggested to Bible students that they cut out this and the preceding chapters and read them in connection with the following:

**Analysis Continued—Chapters xlii-xlviii.**

**I. Paul's Active Ministry, or His Apostleship at Large (Chapter xlii-xlii.7)**

1. First Missionary Tour (Chapters xliii-xiv).

(1) Departure from Antioch (xlii. 1-3).

(2) Cyprus—death of Elymas the sorcerer and the conversion of the deputy, Sergius Paulus (xliii. 1-12).

(3) Perga—John Mark separates from the apostolic company (xliii.13).

(4) Pisidian Antioch—something of a Billy Sunday campaign (xliii.14-52).

(5) Iconium—the mission broken up (xliii.53-60).

(6) Lystra—great success (Barnabas and Timothy added to the company) (xliii.61-78).

(7) Derbe—Timothy and Titus added to the company (xliii.79-81).

(8) Antioch—Paul's address—salvation by grace (xliii.7-12).

(9) Tarsus—Paul's address (xliii.13-21).

(10) Decision of the council (xliii.22-29).

(11) Synodical decree delivered to the Antiochian Church (xliii.29-35).

**3. Second Missionary Tour (Chapters xlv-xlviii.7)**

(1) Contention anent the quitters, John Mark (xlv.36-39).

(2) Through Syria and Cilicia (xlv.40,41).

(3) Through Asia Minor—Derbe and Lystra—Timothy and others added to the company (xlv.42-48).

(4) Timothy here added to the apostolic party (xlv.1).

The "feast of the Epiphany," which falls on the 6th of January, commemorates the adoration of the three wise men, who came from the east to Jerusalem, seeking the new born King of the Jews, "for," said they, "we have seen His star in the east, and have come to adore Him."

This feast is celebrated tomorrow at the Protestant Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches of the city.

At the Franciscan monastery special services will be held at 3:30 p.m., when, following compline and solemn benediction of the blessed sacrament, there will be a procession to the Grotto of Bethlehem, where the infant Jesus was born. The infant, which was placed there at the Christmas services, will be borne through the church to the procession.

The procession is regarded as very picturesque, as the long line of Franciscans, clad in their somber brown robes, carrying a lighted candle, march to the grotto to the joyous strains of the organ.

And With Glory Lit the Midnight Air."

The life-sized image of the Divine Child rests on the place of the nativity, marked by a silver star, was carved entirely of silver.

It is said that it was sent to Bethlehem, where, it is said, it touched the spot of the Savior's birth.

The infant is placed at the central altar for the veneration of the members of the Franciscan order.

And the public is permitted to venerate it.

trade for self-support, while continuing his ministry (xviii. 18). It is supposed that he was assured of divine protection (xviii.5-11); is arraigned, but acquitted; before Gallio (xviii. 12-17).

(10) Paul leaves Ephesus and returns to Antioch in Syria (xviii.18-22).

Note.—It was on this second tour, and during the same year, that Paul, at Corinth, that he wrote his two epistles to the Thessalonians—the first of which is dated in the year 50, and the first of the New Testament writings, and, therefore, the oldest of its kind.

4. Third Missionary Tour (Chapters xxi.23-xxii.15):

(1) Paul's work in Galatia and Phrygia (xxii.23).

(2) Apollos of Alexandria enters

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